Naval Vessel Transfer and Arms Export Control Amendments Act: H.R. 3470, amended, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To affirm the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.".

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Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act: S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; and

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Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004. Pages H2980-83

Recess: The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. Page H2983

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 90, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010 with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–103).

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Page H2987

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2965.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2965 and H2965–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVES PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 4299, the "Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act"; H.R. 4069, the "Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2013"; and H.R. 4250, the "Sunscreen Innovation Act". Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control Drug Enforcement; and public witnesses.

ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND SETTING FORTH APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 96, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9-3, a structured rule for H. Con. Res. 96. The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady of Texas and Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report.

Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from April 11, 2014 through April 25, 2014: (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and (b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan (WI), and Representatives Van Hollen, Polis, Ellison, Scott (VA), Jackson Lee, and Mulvaney.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D359)

H.R. 2019, to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to

provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health. Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113–94)

H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine. Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113–95)

S. 2183, entitled "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions". Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113–96)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10:15 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Army Active and Reserve force mix in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense science and technology enterprise for innovation and affordability in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:15 p.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–538.